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1. ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY FROM GIANT SCALE MISSION 040 OF 26 JULY CONFIRMS THAT HANOI SAM SITE A10-2 [] FIRED TWO MISSILES AT THE MISSION AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE MISSILES/MISSILE FLAME WAS APPARENTLY PHOTOGRAPHED ON []

THE VAPOR TRAIL FROM THIS MISSILE WAS OBSERVED ON THESE FRAMES. THE VAPOR TRAILS FROM BOTH MISSILES WERE VISIBLE ON []

2. THE VAPOR TRAIL PHOTOGRAPHED ON [] BEGAN AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 42,900 FEET AND WAS PLOTTED AS IT CLIMBED THROUGH 50,300 FEET. THE MISSILE WAS CLIMBING NORTHWARD FROM UTM XJ10652718 THROUGH UTM XJ10882774 AND TURNING TOWARD THE WEST. WHEN THE PROBABLE MISSILE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:47 16 Z AND 2:47 18Z [], IT WAS STILL CREATING A VAPOR TRAIL. SINCE WEATHER REPORTS INDICATED THAT VAPOR TRAILS COULD BE EXPECTED TO 65,000 FEET AT THE TIME, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT THE MISSILE WAS PROBABLY BELOW THIS ALTITUDE.

3. HANOI SAM SITES B32-2 [], A34-2 [], AND B36-2 [] WERE ALSO NOTED ON PHOTOGRAPHY, TRACKING THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WITH LAUNCHERS ERECTED; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT ANY OF THESE SITES FIRED AT THE AIRCRAFT.

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